

SPORTS

VETERAN SLABMAN QUITS BASEBALL FOR ALL TIME

EDDIE PLANK JOINED THE MAJOR LEAGUE IN 1901—FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS WAS A LEAGUE PICTURE.

BY JACK VETOCK.

New York, Aug. 15.—With Eddie Plank in the retired list for keeps there are but two veteran slabmen remaining in the big show today who rank close to him in point of service. They are Chief Bender, now with the Phillies and Leon Ames, of the Cardinals.

Plank's retirement marked the end of a career of nearly 17 years as a major league pitcher. He broke into the majors in 1901 and in all the years he has toiled on the mound his reputation and effectiveness never wavered until this season, when the strain of pitching caused him to suffer a nervous breakdown.

Chief Bender made his debut as a big twirler in 1902. Ames followed in 1904, and both have played with big league teams continuously. Jack Coombs, a former teammate of both Plank and Bender is serving his twelfth year and Walter Johnson is in his eleventh season with Washington.

Always effective during a summer campaign a particular feature of Plank's record lies in his failure as a world's series pitcher. He took an active part in four world's series, pitching seven games and of this number won but two. Plank will be 42 years old August 31 and his forced retirement is probably a great disappointment to him as he was ambitious to pitch until he reached the age of 45.

BINGLES AND BONERS.

CAUGHT IN THE DRAFT.

When gentle autumn breezes blow, The Rookie will be on the job. Recalled from ivory fields to show. How much he has on Tyrus Cobb. While in some reeking battle trench. Another youth will take his chance. From the shadow of the bench—Somewhere in France.

IN THE SPOT LIGHT.

Leon Cadore. One of the Dodgers pitchers, passed the physical examination, waived exemption and announced himself ready to serve Uncle Sam. Commission should be appointed to examine the Braves, Kelly Koney and Fitzpatrick accounted for a Boston victory in a ten inning game with the Phillies.

DUMMY EVANS. MUTE. KILLED IN BOUT

New York, Aug. 15.—"Dummy" Evans, a deaf mute boxer is dead today and George Brown, another boxer is under arrest as the outcome of a preliminary bout before a fight club here last night.

Brown and Evans were friends and did not understand they were to fight each other but the bout was arranged at the last minute when another boxer failed to appear. Both boxers were apparently unwilling to deal out punishing blows and stalled in the first round. At the end of the second round Brown struck Evans a hard blow on the jaw. The deaf mute shook hands with his opponent and left the ring immediately. He collapsed in his dressing room and died early today of a fracture at the base of the skull.

TRIS SPEAKER BETTER NO BRAIN CONCUSSION.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 15.—Fears that Tris Speaker was suffering from a concussion of the brain as a result of being hit by Dave Danforth's bean ball in the second game with the White Sox, were allayed this morning when the club physicians examined the crack outfielder. Speaker will not be out for over two days, the doctor said. Speaker said he would play ball today.

RECORD FOR HOME RUNS.

Makes His Thirty-fifth Circuit Clout For the Season.

What is said to be a world's record for home runs in organized baseball has been made by E. E. Calbert, left fielder of the Muskogee Western Association club, when he hit twice for a circuit of the bases giving him a total of thirty-five home runs for the season. The previous record is said to have been held by Beane, formerly with the Alabamas, in the same circuit, with thirty-four home runs. Calbert is one of the league leaders in hitting.

A Bachelor's Advantages.

A bachelor is known by the company he keeps out of. He is not likely to be so lonesome as a married man. And then, again, when he falls ill he can select the kind of trained nurse that he wants to wait upon him, whereas the married man has to put up with the kind of nurse his wife selects for him.—"The Bachelor" in Life.

SCRAP

A malicious person says that cotton sheets and newspaper sheets are alike, because a great many people lie in them.

A lady who writes for an eastern paper under the signature of "An Old Maid," says that she "cannot bear the men."

We wonder if she can bear children.

Pointers for the Farmer.

A subscriber asks, "how long cows should be milked?"

The same as short ones.

Another asked for an opinion on late plowing.

We find that as a rule plowing should not be continued later than ten or eleven o'clock at night. It gets the horses into the habit of staying out late, and unduly exposes the plow.

LARRY LAJOIE STILL POUNDING THE BALL

Veteran Tops Regulars in International League With Mark of .361.

A staid and steady batting eye focused over any considerable span of years is something of a rarity in baseball. But when once a real slugger or breaks into prominence quite a few campaigns are required to dim its brilliancy. Consider the case of Napoleon Lajoie, one time idol of Cleveland, old time American league hero and general swarmsmith extraordinary. It's more than twenty years ago now that the big bludgeon of the hefty Frenchman began to attract big league attention. Larry isn't in the majors, but he is still whaling the ball.

Latest averages on hitters of the International league showed that Handsome Larry is lapping the ball at the dizzy clip of .361. Duffy of Montreal is hitting .382 and leading the league. But Duffy had been at bat only sixty-eight times, whereas Lajoie had played in full ninety-four games. League leading honors therefore really belong to the big Nap. And the heavy wallop of the Frenchman isn't escaping the scrutiny of big league scouts either. As early as a month ago it was common gossip that some two or three big league clubs are after Larry's services for next season. It is almost as sure as taxes that Larry will be back under the big tent.

INTEREST IN FOOTBALL.

Many Leading Colleges Announce Their Schedules Are Now Complete.

That interest in football will not be lacking in the east despite the stand taken by Harvard, Yale and Princeton not to encourage intercollegiate competition during the war is evident. Already many of the leading colleges in the east have announced that with few exceptions their schedules for next fall are complete. The first of the bigger institutions to come forth with an announcement that its schedule is complete is Colgate.

Colgate, which has barely 500 students to choose its athletes from, is ready to repeat its great showing of last season. This institution, minus many "C" men who are in the country's service, will enter the arena as in the past and will take its chances with raw material. Colgate will open its football season on Oct. 6 with Bucknell and will play as hard a schedule as last fall. Colgate will tackle Syracuse on Nov. 18.

STANDING OF CLUBS

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

| | W L | Pct. |
|--------------|-------|------|
| Chicago | 69 43 | .616 |
| Boston | 65 42 | .607 |
| Cleveland | 61 53 | .535 |
| Detroit | 58 54 | .518 |
| New York | 53 55 | .491 |
| Washington | 51 58 | .468 |
| Philadelphia | 41 64 | .390 |
| St. Louis | 42 71 | .372 |

Yesterday's Results.

Chicago, 3-2; Cleveland, 2-1.
St. Louis, 6; Detroit, 4.
Washington, 1-0; New York, 0-1.
Philadelphia, 3; Boston, 1.

Games Today.

Chicago at Cleveland.
New York at Washington.
Boston at Philadelphia.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

| | W L | Pct. |
|--------------|-------|------|
| New York | 67 34 | .667 |
| Philadelphia | 53 45 | .541 |
| St. Louis | 57 52 | .523 |
| Cincinnati | 59 55 | .518 |
| Chicago | 56 54 | .509 |
| Brooklyn | 51 54 | .486 |
| Boston | 44 56 | .440 |
| Pittsburgh | 34 71 | .321 |

Yesterday's Results.

Pittsburgh, 2; Chicago 0 (10 innings).
New York, 5-1; Brooklyn, 4-3.
Boston, 2; Philadelphia, 1.

Games Today.

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.
Brooklyn at New York (2 games).
Philadelphia at Boston.

The first charge of dynamite as the explosive is now known, was prepared in 1808.

Bobby Veach's Hitting Will Aid In Winning Third Place For Tigers



Photo by American Press Association.

BOBBY VEACH.

One doesn't see stars in the daytime, for the sun's shining average is around 900 and the stars are obscured. They are there, however, but can't be seen. Ty Cobb is the sun of the baseball solar system, and therefore one can't see other stars on the Detroit team, where Ty does his shining. They're there, and Bobby Veach is surely one of them. For the last few weeks Bobby's bludgeon has been belching out singles, doubles and triples at an amazing rate. Veach was a little slow in coming around, but has at last struck his stride, and he will do much to win third place for Cobb & Co.

BAKER'S APPEAL TO CAUSE CONTINUATION OF SPORTS

Secretary's Plea Will Result In a More Democratic Spirit In Intercollegiate Games.

The stirring appeal made to the members of the National Collegiate Athletic association conference by Secretary of War Baker the other day will probably result in the colleges attempting a policy of continuation regarding their sports. Secretary Baker's view is that the college man needs sports today more than ever and that it's up to the university authorities to see that sports are provided for the students and as well that every student takes part in some sport that will improve the condition of his body.

The world war is working for democracy. Every day we see signs of it on all sides, and this athletic situation in the colleges is just one more illustration of the manner in which the forces of democracy are slowly but surely attaining their end. Secretary Baker's appeal to the college authorities is to see to it that every student in their institutions goes in for some form of sport is nothing but a clarion call to do away for the time being with the varsity team idea and get every man in college on the tennis.

WHY RIP WENT BACK.

Rip Van Winkle walked into the village barber shop after his twenty years' sleep.

"How's everything in the sporting world these days?" he asked as he was tipped back in the chair.

"Same as ever," answered the barber.

"Cobb still leading the American league?"

"Yep."

"Wagner still playing?"

"Yep."

"Plank still pitching?"

"Yep."

"McGraw still being suspended?"

"Yep."

"Evers still scrapping?"

"Yep."

"Emslie still umpiring?"

"Yep."

"Boston lost a world's series?"

"None."

"Yanks won the pennant?"

"None."

"How about billiards—Hoppe still champion?"

"Yep."

"Gotch retired?"

"None."

"Krummer still racing?"

"Yep."

"McCoy knocked out?"

"None."

"Less Willard fought yet?"

"None."

"War over?"

"None."

"Oh, well, never mind shaving the other side," said Rip. "I'm going back to sleep."

When Farinelli Sang.

Probably the highest salaried musician in the past was Farinelli (1705-1782), the male soprano, who cured King Philip of Spain of his melancholy. The king retained him at a yearly salary of 50,000 francs.

HEINIE ZIM NOW A PEACEFUL GIANT

Former Trouble Maker of Cubs
Loses Fiery Spirit.

RANKS AS DEVLIN'S PEER

Under the Tutelage of McGraw He Learned to Control His Temper Even on a Club With Herzog and Fletcher as Teammates—New Yorks Got Best of Trade When Doyle Left Them.

Praise is being showered on Christy Mathewson for leading the Cincinnati Reds into the first division and on Ed Roush for leading the National league in hitting, but no one seems to be paying any attention to Heinie Zimmerman, who was ejected from a recent game—not that he deserves any credit especially for that favorable expression is due him for his hitting or fielding, but because he has not yet had the predicted run-in with Manager McGraw.

When he was traded to the Giants last fall for Larry Doyle, Morwen Jacobsen and Herb Hunter it was said that he would not last until the middle



Photo by American Press Association.

HEINIE ZIMMERMAN.

of July with McGraw. Zimmerman and the astute commander have worked in perfect harmony, and Zimmerman is playing the game of his life for the Giants. He has had a few petty arguments, but they amounted to virtually nothing, and McGraw is getting better results out of him than any other manager did before.

Old members of the Cub machine predicted that Zimmerman would disrupt the Giant machine before the season was a few months under way. They expected this because of the rumour he used to cause among the Cub players. They did not believe that it would be possible for him to get along with players of Fletcher's and Herzog's baseball temperaments. They said he would sulk and be in constant discord with the infield and even the manager.

All these predictions were wrong. At least they have been to date. Zimmerman, undoubtedly due to the diplomatic work of McGraw, has taken the best of care of himself, has co-operated smoothly with his infield and is playing the type of baseball that is assisting McGraw in winning another championship. He has seen the error of his ways, is satisfied with the surroundings in New York and every day is giving the New York club his best and energetic efforts.

New York got the better of the trade with Chicago if the playing this season of Zimmerman and Doyle is any indication. Zimmerman, as the fans who saw him in the series with the Cubs testified, is playing third base with skill, dexterity and smartness. He is covering more ground than he ever did before and is playing grounders with more cleverness. New York experts say that he is performing at the far corner as well as any man the club ever had, not barring Art Devlin, who was a wonderful fielding third baseman. Besides his sensational fielding, Zimmerman is batting around .280, has driven in many runs and won many games for his team.

Doyle Is Disappointing.

Doyle is batting only .241, nothing like what was expected of him. He also is not fielding with the agility that he did while with the Giants. This probably is due to the broken ankle he sustained last fall. When he joined the club Doyle looked as good as he ever did, but one cannot say that about him on the playing he has done in the present race. He is trying hard enough, but his playing appears to have deteriorated.

The trade with New York is not the only one in which the Cubs received the worst of it. They apparently have not profited by their exchange with the Phillies in which they gave Jimmy Lavender for Al Demaree, who is again a member of the Giants, having been traded by the Cubs. They got the worst of that deal if the work of the men is any proof. But there is not so much difference that one ought to say that either team was greatly benefited. Demaree has been in twenty-three games and has won only five of them. He is charged with nine defeats. Lavender, on the other hand, has pitched in seventeen games and also is credited with five victories.

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